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# *Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 6 - 10 January 2003*
# *Executive Summary*

## *Immediate Calendar:*

(U//~~AIUO~~) **30-31 January 2003: Historical Review Panel:** Next meeting at [redacted] (b)(3)

(U//~~AIUO~~) **12 February 2003: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Liaisons' meeting at Crystal City.

## *Future Planning Calendar:*

(U//~~AIUO~~) **25 February 2003: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Principals' meeting at EEOB in Washington, DC.

(U//~~AIUO~~) **April 2003:** The Automatic Declassification Date per Executive Order 12958, as amended, for unreviewed intelligence-related or multi-agency records.

## *Overview of IRR Activities Last Week:*

(U//~~AIUO~~) **Publications Review Board**

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(U//~~AIUO~~) **FOIA Requests**

(U//~~AIUO~~) **Straight "A" Student Wants Information on Chinese Peoples' Liberation Army Air Force (PLAAF)**

(U//~~AIUO~~) A requester from Millburn, New Jersey asks for "any finished intelligence reports...regarding the PLAAF-operated China United Airlines and any...reports...regarding CIA involvement in Tibet between 1949 and present day." The requester, a tenth grader, included his most recent report card, which indicates he received straight "A's" for the first quarter of 2002.

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(U//~~AIUO~~) **Frequent Requester Submits 13 New Requests--One for CIA Procedures for Handling Crank Mail**

(U//~~AIUO~~) Michael Ravnitzky of American Lawyer Media, in Washington, DC, submitted 13 new requests during a four-day period last week. Among the items, he is asking for "a copy of the CIA procedure for handling Crank Mail" and for "a copy of the weekly administrative summary report of the CIA FOIA Office for the last ten years."

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(U//~~AIUO~~) **Requester Seeks Civil Rights Commission Records on Massacre That Occurred in 1937**

(U//~~AIUO~~) A requester from Ponce, Puerto Rico asks for Civil Rights Commission records pertaining to the Ponce



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Massacre, which occurred on 23 March 1937.

- *The FOIA case manager informed the requester that Civil Rights Commission documents would not be under the auspices of the CIA, and that the CIA was not created until 1947, ten years after the incident.* (b)(3)

**(U//~~AIUO~~) CIA Declassification Center**

**(U//~~AIUO~~) CDC Delivers Large Shipment of Reviewed Films to NARA**
(U//~~FOUO~~) On 8 January 2003, the CIA Declassification Center delivered a large shipment of motion picture film and hardcopy reports to the National Archives and Records Center (NARA). The shipment included 1410 reels (115 boxes) of DS&T film, and 52 boxes of FBIS China Reports, for a total page-equivalent count of 2.6 million pages.

- *The film consisted of a variety of subjects, including numerous Communist propaganda films, a 1925 film showing tribal migration in Iran and Turkey, a 1940 Bulgarian historical film, and various travelogues of East European countries in the 1950s.* (b)(3)

**(U//~~AIUO~~) From the Archives: William Casey Was Disgruntled FOIA Requester Before DCI**
(U//~~AIUO~~) William Casey had difficult dealings with the CIA before he became the Agency's DCI in 1981, according to documents recently reviewed at the CIA Declassification Center. The DDA explained to then-DCI Stansfield Turner, "Mr. William Casey, former OSS officer and now counsel for the New York law firm of Rogers & Wells, has written to say he is at work on a book on the value of clandestine operations in the war against Hitler .... he proposes to call on you after the Thanksgiving holidays to discuss his book and the value to the Agency's mission and to ask your assistance in gaining access to OSS documents which have hitherto been denied him." The DDA went on to say Mr. Casey "has levied a number of requests under the Freedom of Information Act in support of his book," and that three requests were still pending, but that in order "to provide some interim material for Mr. Casey to work on, we have arranged to make available similar information already released to another requester, Joseph Persico." The DDA added, "Mr. Casey believes that Mr. Persico has had preferential treatment and that he has been granted material for which Casey is still waiting."

(U//~~AIUO~~) In his attached two-page memo, Mr. Casey noted he was writing a book on the value of clandestine operations in the war against Hitler and commented on the possible value of his book: "I believe this can help public understanding of the value of good information and assessments and the necessity to have a structure on which to build these capabilities if our country and its interest should come under attack."

- *Joseph Persico, who Mr. Casey complained was getting preferential treatment, subsequently wrote a well-selling biography of Mr. Casey in 1990, titled* Casey: From the OSS to the CIA. (b)(3)

This is a record.

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